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Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a brilliant summer break. It's lovely to be in school and see everyone again. Miss Hodgson and I are so excited for the year ahead – we have many fun and exciting things planned. Please note that there is a 'meet the teacher' session on Tuesday 7th September, straight after school in our classroom. It would be lovely to see you there. If you can't make that time, I am more than happy to meet with you at a time that is more suitable.

Please be aware that sending children home at the end of the day may be slightly slower than usual for the first couple of weeks as I begin to familiarise myself with all the new faces. Until the children are used to using the Key Stage 2 door with the other year groups, I will keep the children in the class and Miss Hodgson will bring them out to you when we have spotted you through the window. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

English

The English curriculum places high emphasis on the enjoyment of reading. As you know, regular reading has a huge impact on a child's progress and your support is always greatly appreciated. Please share a book with your child every night – it doesn't always have to be a school book! Please make sure that reading is recorded in your child's Learning Journal and that your child brings their book to school every day.

Your child has access to Reading Eggs at school and home. This program is very valuable to the children. It is expected that children move up at least one level a week. **Please remind children that homework will be collected and set on a Thursday** (the first homework will be set on 9.9.21). I know that many of you spend a great deal of time reinforcing homework expectations with the children and your support and hard work are appreciated.

Please ensure your child brings their reading book and record to school each day.

Useful websites for English: www.phonicsplay.co.uk (Great for those children who did not pass the phonics screening test).

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar> (Brilliant for revising grammar).

Work on grammar, punctuation and spelling is a very important part of the English curriculum and the expected level of spelling is very high. Children will continue to learn from the Sir-Link-A-Lot program and they will be best tested weekly on a Thursday.

Maths

The demands of the maths curriculum mean that counting skills (number pairs to 100, doubling and halving odd and even numbers to 100, counting in 4s, 8s and 50s) are essential. This year there will be further focus on mental maths and ensuring children feel confident completing simple calculations mentally. They will also be learning how to solve mathematical problems so additional learning at home with money, telling the time and baking (using scales to weigh ingredients) will help to build and embed these skills in a real life context. The children also need to be secure with the 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 6x, 8x and 10x tables and related division facts. Again, this will form part of the children's homework.

We are very lucky to have access to Mathletics in school. This program, which allows the teacher to set tasks linked to the children's current learning, recaps and consolidates understanding. Again, your support and encouragement to use this program would be greatly appreciated. It is expected that children will complete 3 tasks per week.

A useful website for maths:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=3> (Brilliant for doubling, halving and times tables)

Science

This half term, our Science topic is all about light and shadows. Next half term, we will be learning all about human and animal skeletons, muscles, diets and food chains. Additionally, we will be learning to work 'scientifically' when completing and recording our own practical experiments and learning how to make a fair test.

History

Until Christmas, we will be transported right back to the start of civilisation! We will be learning about the Stone, Iron and Bronze Age. The children will learn how the very first humans lived and how, slowly over *thousands* of years, things changed to become the society that we know today.

R.E.

In R.E, we will be looking at the Creation Story. We will be asking questions such as "What sort of being is God?" and "How would God expect Christians to treat the Earth?"

PHSE

In PHSE, the children are learning about the topic of "relationships". They are learning how to develop friendships and the sort of skills and qualities that they need to maintain and create healthy relationships.

PE

PE will initially be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. PE kits need to remain in school over the course of the term. Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is clearly named. Additionally, children with pierced ears must only wear studs and must not wear these on PE days for health and safety reasons.



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By working together we can ensure that your children approach new challenges with confidence and achieve success. Your interest and support is greatly appreciated and I look forward to getting to know you and your family better over the course of the year.

Kind regards,

Miss Humphrey



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